Checking Crimes in Trains

†1524. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has prepared any action-plan to check crimes and robberies in trains;

(b) if so, whether the Ministry has made any efforts for a joint action to be taken by Railway Protection Force and Government Railway Police under the strategy for checking crime and sabotage in the train; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) 'Policing' being a state subject under the Constitutional of India, prevention of crime in the running trains and Railway premises is the constitutional responsibility of the State Government concerned which they discharge through their Government Railway Police (GRP). The Railway administration, on their part, maintains close liaison and coordination with the State Government and renders necessary assistance to them to contain crime on railways.

The Ministry of Home Affairs had convened a meeting on 8-4-1996, to review the measures taken to prevent crime, robbery and docoity in the trains. Ministry of Railways has suggested an 'Actional Plan' in the meeting. This Actional Plan and other suggestion were communicated to the State Governments for taking appropriate action.

(b) and (c) The Ministry of Railways had subsequently called a joint meeting of Chief Security Commissioners of all Zonal Railways and all State Government Railway Police Chiefs in September, 1996 to discuss the strategy to check crime on railways. Further a joint meeting was held in August, 1998 attended by the then Minister for Railways (M.R.). The M.R. also convened a meeting of Chief Secretaries and Directors General/Police of all State Governments and RPF officials in January, 2000.

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Based on the Action Plan and discussion in the joint meeting, following action has been taken:—

(1) Lodging of FIR has been made easier and victim friendly.

(2) Invetigation of pending cases is being expendited by the GRP authorities.

(3) Special raids are being conducted by the GRP against absconding accused.

(4) Mobile Police Posts have been opened in few selected trains.

(5) Police/RPF booths have been provided on platforms for the assistance of passengers.

(6) As far as possible trains are escorted by GRP in the vulnerable section specially during night hours.

(7) The compendium of criminals operating on railways are being prepared for sharing of criminal intelligence.

(8) Special joint drives are being conducted against undesirable elements in the Station area.

(9) Periodical coordination meetings between RPF and GRP are being conducted regularly.

(10) Steps for modernization of RPF have been initiated.

Contribution of Bihar to GRP

1525. SHRI NAGENDRA NATH OJHA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of expenditure met by Bihar Government on GRP in 1995-96, 1996-97, 1997-98 and 1999-2000;

(b) whether the Central Government share 50% of the expenditure;

(c) if so, whether there is any claim of Bihar Government in this regard, pending at the Central level; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) and (b) With effect from 1.4.79, the cost of Government Railway Police is shared between the State Government and Railways on 50:50 basis, provided the strength of GRP is determined with the approval of the Railways.